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SUBJECT: ACTION ON LANDSAT AGREEMENT

(A) STATE 271005; (B) STATE 300735; (C) NEW DELHI 15520
(D) STATE 255540

1. DR. R. D. DESHPANDE, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DST), TOLD SCICOUNS THAT THE LANDSAT AGREEMENT (REF A) HAD BEEN APPROVED BY ALL OF THE CONCERNED MINISTRIES. AS MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, THE PRIME MINISTER APPROVED THE AGREEMENT WHICH WAS THEN SENT TO THE OTHER MINISTRIES. KEY TO THE FINAL APPROVAL WAS TTHEN SENT TO THE OTHER MINISTRIES. KEY TO THE FINAL APPROVAL WAS THE PLANNING COMMISSION WHICH IN CONCURRING ENSURED THAT THE LANDSAT PROGRAM IS IN THE FIVE YEAR PLAN AND THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE WHICH ENSURED THAT FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE. FINAL PROCEDURAL CLEARANCE IS AWAITED.

2. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WE BELIEVE AGREEMENT CAN BE READY FOR SIGNING DURING PRESIDENT'S VISIT IF THAT IS DESIRABLE (REF B). EMBASSY HAS NOT APPROACHED GOI REGARDING DETAILS OF WHEN, WHERE AND WHO WILL SIGN THE AGREEMENT. IF THE SIGNING IS DONE DURING
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THE VISIT, SUGGESTED SCENARIOS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) AGREEMENT SIGNED BY FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE AND SECRETARY VANCE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING.

(B) AGREEMENT SIGNED BY DR. A. RAMACHANDRAN, SECRETARY, DST, AND AMBASSADOR GOHEEN EITHER DURING OR PRIOR TO JOINT COMMISSION MEETING WITH ANNOUNCEMENT DURING MEETING. PLEASE

ADVISE.

3. THE NASA OFFER TO LOAN THE GOI A PORTABLE LANDSAT RECEIVER ON A TEMPORARY BASIS COULD BE ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT OR BY THE SECRETARY DURING THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING (REF D). PLEASE ADVISE.

4. THE GOI SUGGESTS THAT THERE BE NO FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES REGARDING THE BRAZIL PARAGRAPH (REFS A AND C) AT THIS TIME, BUT THE DST WILL GIVE US A LETTER WHICH WILL BE SIGNED BY RAMACHANDRAN OR DESHPANDE. THE "DRAFT COVERING LETTER" WHICH WAS CLEARED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE AGREEMENT, AND WHICH INCLUDES THE BRAZIL PARAGRAPH, READS: QUOTE EXCELLENCY, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NATIONAL REMOTE SENSING AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A GROUND STATION FACILITY AT HYDERABAD, SIGNED AT (LOCATION) ON (DATE) AND TO STATE THAT IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SHALL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE STAND THAT HAS BEEN OR MAY BE TAKEN BY INDIA AT THE UNITED NATIONS OR ANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE QUESTION OF THE REMOTE SENSING ASPECTS OF THE USES OF OUTER SPACE. PARA IT IS UNDESTOOD THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF LANDSAT DATA UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SHALL NOT PREJUDICE ANY RIGHTS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW WHICH MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN THE FUTURE WITH RESPECT TO REMOTE SENSING ACTIVITIES. PARA ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.

5. IF THE DEPARTMENT OR NASA HAS ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS LETTER, PLEASE ADVISE.

6. EMBASSY POUCHED AUGUST 1, 1977 VERSION OF NASA AGREEMENT AS UPDATED BY REF A TO BARNES, NASA; CHAPMAN, OES; AND LANDE, NEA/INS. GOHEEN

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